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MEMORANDUM FOR: AD/DCI/IC

SUBJECT : Life Sciences Committee

25X1 1. During a recent meeting with Dr. Karl Weber, D/SI,  
and [ ] DD/SI, I was informed that the  
25X1 meeting Dr. Weber and [ ] Division Chief,  
Life Sciences Division/OSI, scheduled with you is to solicit  
your views on creating a USIB Life Science Committee. [ ]  
25X1 [ ] feels that the new SIC or STIC significantly down-  
grades the life sciences. His point may be well taken,  
but establishing another USIB committee for such a narrow  
subject hardly seems desirable.

2. During the discussion, I indicated that you were  
trying to reduce, not proliferate, the number of committees.  
Dr. Weber offered that he was rather ambivalent on the  
proposal, but then seemed to agree that a special USIB  
committee was not necessarily warranted.

25X1 3. While maybe overstating a proposal made earlier,  
this would be a legitimate dispute for a NIO for Science and  
Technology to resolve. [ ] is a physical  
scientist and [ ] is a life scientist. Each thinks  
his area is most important, and demonstrates the parochial  
nature prevalent in the scientific intelligence community.  
Broad-gauged, imaginative leadership by a NIO would be a  
useful step forward.

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